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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

4 April 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Richard Lehman  
Associate Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Your Meeting with Secretary Vance on 6 April 1977

1. Action Requested: None. Attached are two proposals that you might wish to discuss with Secretary Vance when you meet him on Wednesday, 6 April at 1800 hours.

2. Background: Both suggestions are aimed at ensuring that representatives of the Intelligence Community are more closely involved in working groups discussing US foreign policy. In one case it is requested that an intelligence officer participate in an interagency working group on China which is handling sensitive US-Chinese issues.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Acting, D/DCI/NI  
FROM: James R. Lilley  
National Intelligence Officer for China  
SUBJECT: Intelligence Participation in Interagency  
Working Group on China

1. Action Requested: Request you raise with Secretary Vance at your next meeting with him the participation of an intelligence officer in an Interagency Working Group on China.

2. Background:

-- It was announced in a Cabinet meeting on 28 March that, in coordination with State, the NSC had been meeting with an interagency group on China policy.

-- The Working Group will concern itself with problems related to China which are not suitable to the PRM process. This would include issues such as claims and assets.

-- Currently this type of issue is being handled on an ad hoc basis between State, Defense and NSC without a participant from the intelligence community. This was the case in the previous Administration where a small select group handled sensitive Chinese issues without intelligence community involvement.

-- I believe that intelligence community participation is essential because we need to make sure that the Group is getting all the facts and getting them straight. Also the intelligence community should be up to date on policy developments and thus be producing relevant information.

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3. Staff Position: DDO and DDI concur that intelligence participation is necessary.

4. Recommendation: I recommend that you raise this matter with Secretary Vance in your meeting with him on 6 April. If we do not raise this issue, the intelligence community may well be excluded based on the past record.

James R. Lilley  
National Intelligence Officer  
for China

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I talked with him and what he wants is the two  
papers combined into one folder with a short  
covering memo from you explaining what the  
suggestions are and a short summary of each.  
And then he does not want the "approval/disapproval"  
lines on the last page.  says he has instructed  
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*John*  
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Remarks: The O/DCI has asked that these two items be combined into a single memo for the DCI, something like: Here are two items you may wish to discuss in your meeting with Secy Vance scheduled for Wed. 6 April at 1800--. Also, please drop DCI Approve/Disapprove lines; no need for him to sign.

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3637 (7-76) if he wishes.

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